



**December Newsletter - Christmas Edition**

As we wrap up another incredible year on the water, we're thrilled to bring you our December Newsletter - Christmas Edition, packed with exciting updates, inspiring stories, and a sneak peek into what's to come in 2025. From all of us at Rowing Australia, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with joy, success, and smooth rowing ahead!

Thanks,  
from the Rowing Australia Team

## Rowing Australia appoints new head coach of para program, aiming for LA 2028 and beyond



Rowing Australia has continued to build on its Paralympic success with the appointment of James Loveday as Head Coach of the para-rowing program.

Loveday has already made a strong contribution through his role as Para Lead Coach and now graduates to the top job, where he will have the opportunity to work closely with the talented crop of current Rowsellas and pathway athletes.

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## Rowella Legend hangs up his oars: thank you Jed Altschwager



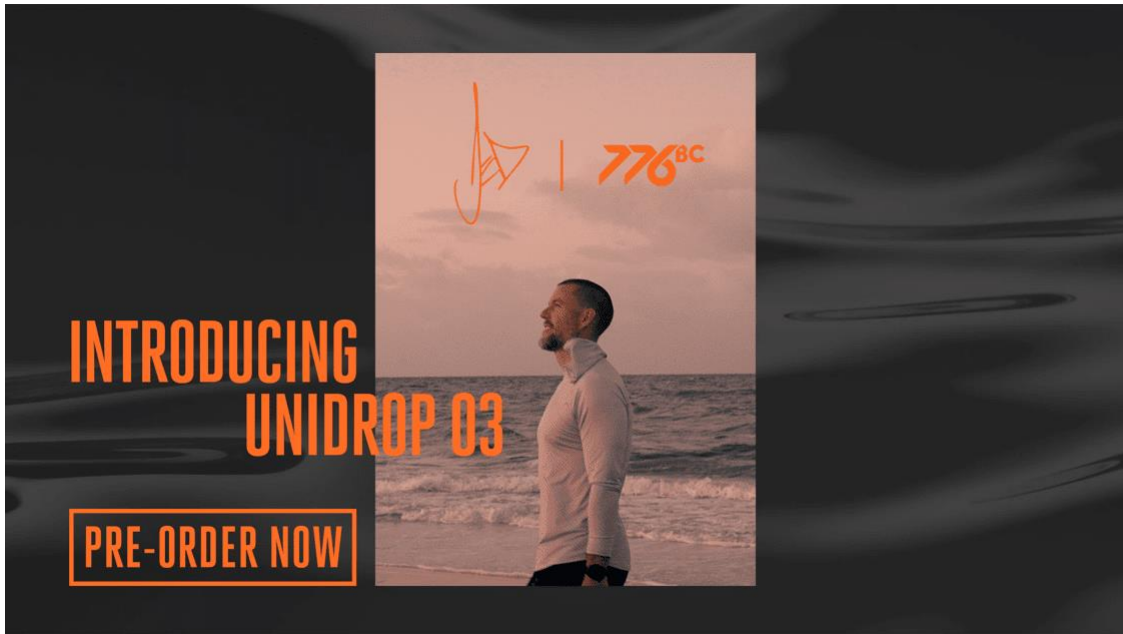
Jed Altschwager PLY, one of Australia’s most accomplished para-rowers, has officially announced his retirement from rowing, closing a remarkable chapter in Australian sporting history.

A member of the prestigious Rowsellas squad, Altschwager’s journey in rowing has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by historic achievements, world-class performances, and an inspiring impact on the rowing community.

### :: JED'S LEGACY ::

“I can’t express my gratitude enough to the people that have helped me along my journey, that have been along for the ride. People close to me and people that I have connected with along the way... Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

— *Jed Altschwager PLY, Paralympic champion*



### Rowing Australia welcomes funding boost ahead of LA 2028



Rowing Australia has a strong platform to surge into the LA 2028 Olympic and Paralympic cycle thanks to a confidence-boosting Win Well high performance investment from the Australian Government.

The funding ensures the Rowsellas will be expertly supported in the critical high performance environment across the window from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, providing the backing they need to excel at the global level.

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Inspirational Rowsella Jean Mitchell has taken home one of the most meaningful awards of her young career after being named the winner of the Sarah Tait Spirit Award at the 2024 Victorian Institute of Sport Awards.

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### Outback Sporting Schools Program





Rowing Australia, Paddle Australia, and Surf Life Saving Australia recently collaborated spending time in Outback Queensland, bringing on-water sports to over 100 students from schools in Longreach, Ilfracombe, Dirranbandi, Bollon, Thallon and Begonia.

Students experienced rowing, kayaking, and lifesaving activities at iconic locations like the Thompson River, and Barcaldine Recreation Lake with Olympians Georgie Rowe and Alex Hill OAM leading the way. In a first for the region, 16 kayaks were donated for community use, and Phoenix Gym is launching indoor rowing programs with local coaching support.

Thanks to the Australian Sports Commission's Remote Sporting Schools program, the other two NSO's, and local partners, these programs are creating lasting opportunities for Outback communities!

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Rowing Australia is searching for an inspiring leader to drive our National High-Performance strategy and ensure our teams continue to thrive on the world stage. This pivotal role supports the Australian Olympic and Paralympic pathways, fostering excellence in athlete wellbeing, performance support, and strategic leadership.

If you have a passion for high-performance sport and the skills to lead and innovate in a dynamic environment, we want to hear from you! Applications close 11:59 PM, January 8, 2025.

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## Welcome to Tasmania's North West - Your Guide to #ARC25



The countdown is on for the 2025 Rowing Australia Championships, and Tasmania's stunning North West is ready to welcome participants and supporters! Home to the world class Lake Barrington Racecourse, the region offers more than just a rowing venue.

Explore Tasmania's Food Bowl, the iconic Cradle Mountain and surrounds. Whether you're here to compete, cheer, or explore, this is your chance to soak up everything the North West has to offer. See you in March!

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### Rowing Australia has a Careers Page!



This page is a free resource for Rowing Australia-affiliated clubs and schools to share their vacancies, connecting passionate individuals with rewarding careers in rowing.

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# Local community sport clubs

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